

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners,

Every politician out there has been talking about election finance reform. The McCain-Feingold bill passed with that spirit in mind. But, that bill only scratches the surface of the issue.

In as far as I have observed the root of the problem is the amount of money needed to get a particular politician's message out to the public. All broadcasters charge these would be elected officials exorbitant amounts of money for air time through their respective outlets. This is where the problem, in my mind, arises.

The broadcast medium, the radio waves used to transport each television station's programming, is owned by the public. Since we do not get any other benefit from these organization's use of our airwaves (have you seen recent programming?), I believe the broadcasters should be forced to donate a specific amount of time to each serious candidate's cause, especially in a presidential election.

This type of legislation would eliminate the inequities among the candidates, by eliminating the need to raise ungodly sums. Just because a candidate is not able to raise more than another, does not mean they are less qualified to lead. This type of legislation would level the playing field for the candidates, would eliminate the influence of big money in politics and would serve the public interest using a public asset. We need an educated electorate!

Just think how much work a President neglects during an election campaign cycle!

Sincerely,
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